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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Qi et al.
Application No.: 09/976,674
Filed: October 12, 2001
Title: NOVEL SERINE
PROTEASE GENES
RELATED TO DPP4
Group Art Unit: 1652
Examiner: Walicka, Malgorzata A.

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 9, 2004, to which a shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on September 9, 2004, Applicant requests that the above-identified application be amended to present the claims set forth hereinafter.